

# CHARLESTON

## FIRE DEPARTMENT



### **Charleston Battalion Chief Receives Knights of Columbus Firefighter of the Year Award**

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Charleston, SC (October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014): The Charleston Fire Department is proud to announce that Battalion Chief Joseph Roberts is this year's recipient of the Knights of Columbus Assembly 1071 Firefighter of the Year Award.

Seven years ago, Battalion Chief Roberts was asked to lead the Department's Apparatus and Equipment Committee. This was a significant task demanding time and leadership. Under Chief Roberts' command the committee has developed new apparatus designs and specifications for all of the Departments new engines, aerial apparatus, command, and support vehicles. With Chief Roberts's dedication, knowledge, and expertise, the program has excelled.

Battalion Chief Roberts's career began with the CFD on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1985. Since that time Chief Roberts has been promoted through the ranks up to Battalion Chief and earlier this year, appointed one of CFD's shift commanders. In his earlier years, Chief Roberts played a vital role in establishing the Departments Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Urban Search and Rescue Team. He continues to serve as a member of the Urban Search and Rescue Team.

"Chief Roberts is an exceptional fire officer and very deserving of this recognition," said Fire Chief Karen Brack. "We are grateful for his continued commitment to our community and organization. Chief Roberts is committed to excellence in all of his pursuits."



Battalion Chief Joseph Roberts

Battalion Chief Roberts will be recognized for his dedication, leadership and commitment to serving his community on Sunday, November 2nd, 2014 with a service at St. Joseph Catholic Church located at 1695 Wallenberg Boulevard. The service will start with a Celebration of Mass at 8:00am. Breakfast will be served in the Parish located next to the church following the service.

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